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'THE CHOSEN ONE':

Nope. Not LeBron.
Kellen Winslow Jr. pre-
dicts his greatness in
Cleveland; PAGE 7

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BG NEWS WOOSTER ST UPDATE

Construction through Thursday this week

Working through Thursday this week, Kokosing Construction—the Columbus-based contractor for the project—will continue utility crossover work on East Wooster Street, causing significant delays.

The work could also cause lane closures which will be controlled by flaggers in many areas. Local traffic is encouraged to avoid the area if possible.

Also, the city electric department will be relocating telephone poles on the northside of the street from Mercer Road to I-75.

Construction on Mercer

Kokosing has begun installing a new storm sewer along Mercer Road from East Poe Road to East Wooster Street. The installation, on the westside of the road, will take about four weeks to be completed.

Similar to East Wooster Street, pre-trenching work of the rock to speed the installation of the sewer line continues with the parking lot east of Kreischer Quadrangle to be closed until approximately 7 p.m. today.

Weather permitting, the project will be completed in August 2005.

Film Festival celebrates media industry

By Sean Corp
PULSE REPORTER

In a dark room on Sunday, a group of students, friends, co-workers and aspiring film-makers sat together and watched the fruits of their collective labor at the Second Annual Film & Media Festival at the University.

The film festival was the final piece of a weekend celebrating work in all realms of the film and media industry. The festival featured a variety of guest speakers, including storyboard artist J. Todd Anderson, actress Jennifer Hall, cinematographer Jeff Barklage, producer Patrick Markey and documentarian Katherine Covell.

Asked how this second effort compared to the first festival held last year, organizer Jay Ellison said, "It was 200 times bigger."

There were over 25 productions screened at the film festival, including works in animation, experimental, documentary and narrative. Their were also films that took footage from existing films, such as "Spiderman" and

"Star Wars: Return of the Jedi," and recreated the sound effects by students.

The films proved both diverse and crowd pleasing, as many of the audience members enjoyed seeing friends and co-workers on the big screen at the Gish Theater. Subjects ranged from horror films, mockumentaries, war stories, love stories, life as a college student and coping with the loss of a loved one.

The winners were selected by a panel of judges which included Anderson, Hall, Barklage and Markey.

"Time" won best experimental film. It involved a young woman coping with being raped. "The film had a real bold statement," said Anderson.

Best animated film went to "Snow Pea and Tofu." It was a fast-paced comedy about a snowpea and a piece of tofu escaping the clutches of a bovine chef at a vegetarian restaurant. The maker of the short, David Donor, also won high praise from Anderson. "I

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BEYOND BG



Ashley Kuntz BG News

OUTSTANDING SENIOR: Jacquelyn Goebbel gets her caricature drawn by Dave Schwan, University alumni, last night at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Goebbel later won the Outstanding Senior of the Year award.



Julia DiFranco BG News

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Angela Buchanan (left), analyst for CNN's "Inside Politics," discusses her thoughts on the feminist movement with student Becky Kay at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union yesterday.

CNN analyst visits BG, voices her feminist view

By Monica Frost
REPORTER

Angela 'Bay' Buchanan, political analyst for CNN's "Inside Politics," shared her thoughts last night on the Feminist Movement, and where, in her opinion, things went wrong.

Buchanan, who addressed students, faculty and community members, began her speech by outlining the different waves of feminism throughout history as well as the successes of these movements.

Buchanan briefly spoke on the first wave of feminism, which originated at the turn of the century and brought about women's suffrage.

The second wave of feminism began in the 1950s-60s and carried very strong anti-marriage and anti-family sentiments, Buchanan said. Buchanan continued to explain that these sentiments carried on through the 70s, 80s and 90s - and are still with us today.

"This is where we went wrong," Buchanan said. "We pursued a movement based on these strong anti-marriage feelings."

Before going into Buchanan's feelings on the downfall of feminism, she

made it a point to discuss the movements' accomplishments.

"This movement accomplished quite a bit of good, but it should consider its failures - it's done more harm than good," Buchanan said.

Buchanan attributed women being able to vote as well as breaking down the doors of educational and political institutions as accomplishments of the Feminist Movement.

One of the downfalls of feminism that Buchanan focused much of her efforts on was the issue of abortion.

"Abortion isn't just about the child - it is also about the woman," Buchanan said. Buchanan emphasized the emotional trauma women that undergo the procedure may encounter as well as increases in drug and alcohol use and a possible link between abortions and the development of breast cancer.

Buchanan described abortion as a selfish act but said she realizes it will not be leaving society anytime soon.

"I believe you will have legalized abortion in this country as long as I'm alive," Buchanan said.

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AP Photo

NUN SLAIN: Sister Margaret Ann Pahl is shown in this undated file photo. A Roman Catholic priest charged in the 1980 strangling and stabbing of Pahl, whose body was found in a hospital chapel, was always a suspect in the killing.

Supporters rally around Ohio priest

By John Seewer
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO, Ohio — Supporters of a Roman Catholic priest charged with the 1980 killing of a nun rallied around the cleric yesterday, trying to raise money for his release and legal defense.

The Rev. Gerald Robinson, 66, wearing a brown jail jumpsuit and appearing tired and unshaven, didn't enter a plea at a hearing yesterday in Toledo Municipal Court. He made no statement.

Robinson's lawyer, John Thebes, argued he was not a flight risk.

"He's not going anywhere," he said. "He hasn't gone anywhere in 24 years."

Bond was set at \$200,000. Thebes said he hoped support-

ers of the cleric would raise the money. "We will take any financial, emotional and prayer support we can take," Thebes said.

Robinson, 66, was charged Friday with killing 71-year-old Sister Margaret Ann Pahl. Her strangled and stabbed body was found in a hospital chapel, surrounded by lit candles, her arms folded across her chest. Robinson later performed her funeral.

Parishioners at St. Anthony church, where Robinson was a pastor after the slaying, were setting up a legal defense fund.

"There's no way he could've done this," said Mary Ann Plewa, a distant cousin of the priest. "He

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BG NEWS BRIEFING

Entrepreneurs line up for informative seminar

Olympic gold medalist Scott Hamilton and B. Thomas Golisano, president of Paychex Inc., will be the keynote speakers for the Turning Passion into Enterprise seminar taking place later this week.

The day-long event Thursday will feature presentations and panel discussions about entrepreneurship-related topics.

All campus and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend

the seminar, according to Brent Nicholson, associate professor of international business.

"Our message is one of inclusion, and we hope that there will be people from all segments of the University ... as well as the community," Nicholson said.

The event will be held in the Union Ballroom on Thursday, beginning at 11 a.m. The seminar is free, although registration is required. Those who register and fail to attend will, however, be charged a fee.

To register, call the College of Business Administration at 372-8181.

FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken
from weather.com

WEDNESDAY



Sunny High: 70°
Low: 54°

THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy High: 76°
Low: 52°

FRIDAY



Scattered T-storms High: 67°
Low: 45°

SATURDAY



Showers High: 63°
Low: 43°

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Winners receive various cash prizes

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know how hard it is to do animation and he is so on the numbers," he said.

"The Art of..." won best documentary. It documented the life and love of skateboarders and the unique way in which they view everything around them.

Best narrative film went to "Full Moon Fever" a superhero/horror film which, despite having no budget, had a myriad of special effects and good production values.

Finally, the audience award went to "Russian Roulette," a fictional game show featuring a disgruntled and foul-mouthed Ronald McDonald.

The winners selected by the panel of judges received free passes to the Cla-Zel Theater, good for one semester, as well as \$50. The winner of the audience award received a \$100 cash prize.

The festival was co-sponsored by UFO, Visual Communication Technology Organization, Theta, the Musicians' Guild and the Computer Art Club.

Family members dispute priest's involvement

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couldn't have lived 24 years and had that on his mind."

Investigators reopened the case in December after the Lucas County prosecutor's office received a letter, assistant prosecutor Gary Cook said. He would not say who sent the letter or what it contained.

Later, based on rarely used technology that allowed investigators to analyze blood patterns, they concluded the murder weapon was "in the control of the suspect," said police detective Steve Forrester.

Robinson's arrest warrant described a weapon that was in his possession as an "instrument with unique characteristics" associated with the nun's wounds. It said numerous cuts were made after she was dead.

"Sometimes, a fresh set of eyes allows you to begin making connections," Cook said.

Last June, a woman testifying before the Diocesan Review Board initially prompted a re-examination of the nun's death. The woman had written a detailed statement alleging years of abuse by priests during her childhood — and mentioned Robinson. Robinson had years ago been questioned in the slaying.

The woman, now in her 40s, described satanic ceremonies in which priests placed her in a coffin filled with cockroaches, forced her to ingest what she believed to be a human eyeball and penetrated her with a snake "to consecrate these orifices to Satan."

Authorities said they could not substantiate her allegations.

A message seeking comment was left yesterday for a spokeswoman of the diocese.



Photo Provided

MARCH FOR WOMEN'S LIVES: University students (left to right) Jenna Lake, Bridget Tharp and Ashlee Rauckhorst march in Washington, D.C., on Saturday.

Women's rights take center stage

By Allison Halco
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Among a crowd of over a million people, about 50 University-affiliated individuals marched for women's rights last weekend in Washington, D.C.

"It was astonishing ... it was just huge," said Jeannie Ludlow, a Women's Studies professor who went to the

march.

On Saturday at about 10 p.m., the University group boarded buses with other groups from northwest Ohio and headed to the nation's capital. They arrived at about 8 a.m.

Although the March for Women's Lives began at noon and lasted for just over an hour, many

women's rights-related activities surrounded the main event.

Before and after the march, various speakers took the stage and voiced their opinions on women's rights.

"There were all these wonderful, famous people speaking," Ludlow

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Estee Lauder dies at 97

By Dino Hazell
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Cosmetics pioneer Estee Lauder, whose pots of potions and tubs of moisturizers have turned the clock back for millions of faces across the globe, has died. She was 97.

Lauder, who helped launch product lines that included Estee Lauder, Clinique, Aramis, Prescriptives and Origins, died of cardiopulmonary arrest Saturday at her Manhattan home, said Sally Susman, a company spokeswoman.

In 1998, Lauder was the only woman on Time magazine's list of the 20 most influential business geniuses of the century. Her company placed No. 349 in the 2003 ranking in the Fortune 500 list of the nation's largest companies, with revenue at \$4.744 billion.

In explaining her success, the cosmetics queen once said: "I have never worked a day in my life without selling. If I believe in something, I sell it, and I sell it hard."

"Beauty is an attitude. There's no secret. Why are all brides beautiful? Because on their wedding day they care about how they look," she said. "There are no ugly women — only women who don't care or who don't believe they're attractive."

She was born Josephine Esther Mentzer in the working-class Corona section of Queens. Lauder never disclosed her birth date, but a company

spokeswoman said she was 97. Her family always called her Esty and when a school official spelled it Estee, it stuck, Lauder said.

During the 1930s, she began selling face creams that her uncle John Schotz, a chemist, mixed in a makeshift laboratory in a stable behind the family house. And she began experimenting with mixes herself.

Lauder went to beauty salons where she gave free demonstrations to women waiting under hair dryers. More often than not, they became customers. Sometimes she stopped women on Fifth Avenue to try her products.

"If you put the product into the customer's hands, it will speak for itself if it's something of quality," she declared.

Lauder sold her products primarily through department stores — Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdale's, Marshall Field's, Neiman-Marcus, Harrods in London, Galeries Lafayette in Paris — the tonier the better.

A favorite selling tool was offering a gift with a purchase.

In 1930, Lauder married a garment center businessman named Joseph Lauter (later changed to Lauder), and they had their first son, Leonard, three years later.

In 1939 she got a divorce and moved to Florida. Years later, she explained why: "I was married very young. You think you missed something out of life.

But I found out that I had the sweetest husband in the world."

She and Joseph remarried in 1942, had a second son, Ronald, and went into business together. Her persistence in selling paid off in 1948, when she persuaded a buyer at Saks to place a sizable order.

She and her husband filled the order themselves, cooking up the creams in their factory, a converted restaurant, and bottling them in attractive jars. In two days, Saks sold out and the company was on its way.

While her husband handled the business at home, she traveled to each new store that took her line and personally selected and trained the new saleswomen.

Packaging developed by Lauder in a delicate shade of greenish blue became a trademark.

Estee Lauder became a household name in 1953, when the company debuted Youth Dew, a bath oil and perfume. Over the years she added new lines and new products, fragrances such as White Linen and Cinnabar, the Aramis line of men's toiletries and the Clinique line of fragrance-free, allergy-tested products.

She dueled with archrival Charles Revson, who built the Revlon empire. "She was the one competitor he set out to beat but couldn't," wrote Revson biographer Andrew Tobias.

After being vague about her

background for years, Lauder rushed her autobiography, "Estee: A Success Story," into print in 1985. Typically, she was out to beat the competition: in this case Lee Israel's unauthorized biography, "Estee Lauder: Beyond the Magic."

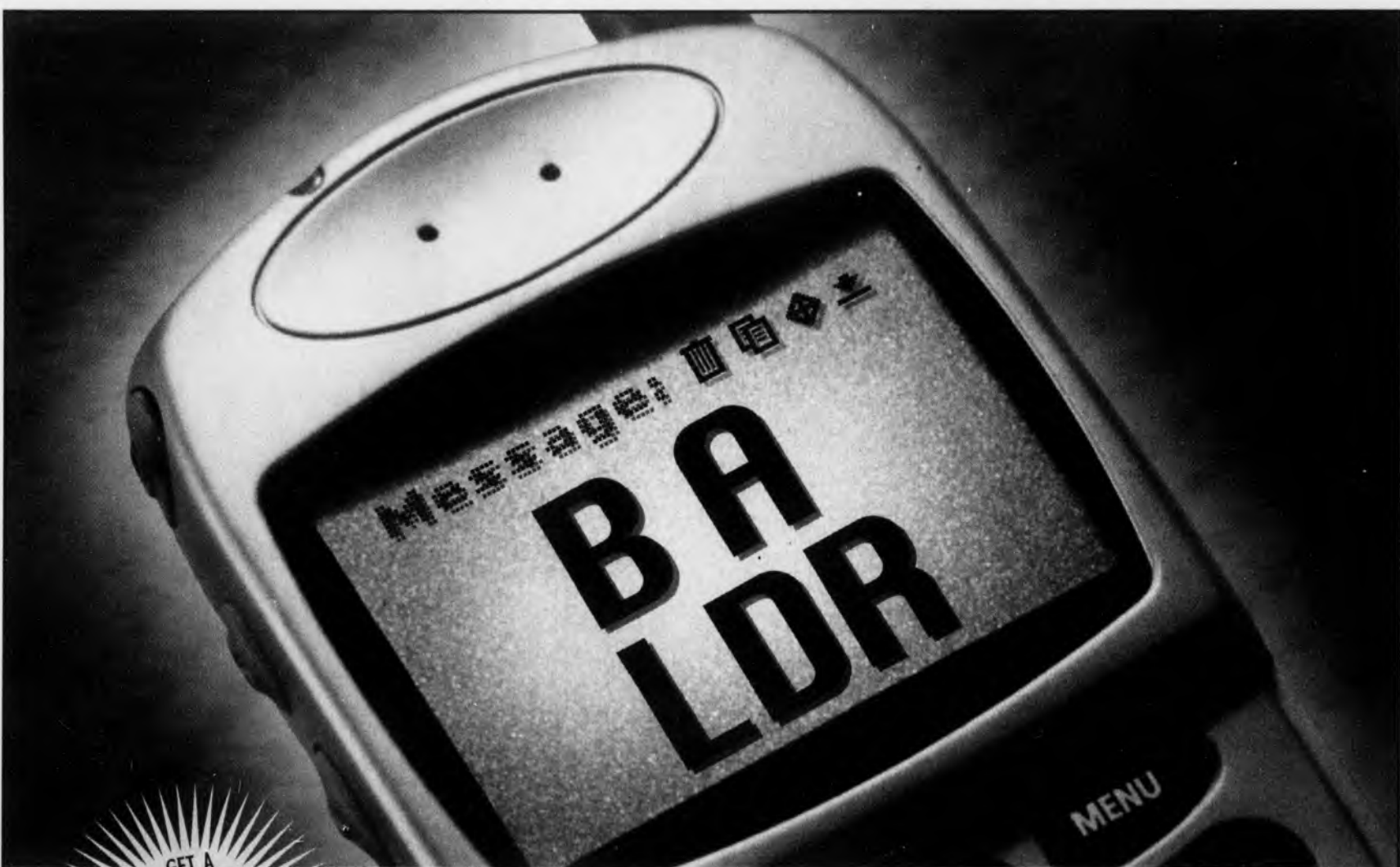
As her privately held company grew, Lauder and her husband involved their sons in the decision making. Leonard Lauder took over as chief executive officer in 1982, the year before Joseph Lauder died, and nearly quadrupled annual sales by 1995. Ronald Lauder left the business for several years in the '80s, serving posts in the Reagan administration and making a failed bid for mayor of New York. He then returned to the company.

Estee Lauder's public life had dwindled after she broke her hip in 1994.

The following year, the company, long tightly held by family members, announced plans to raise \$335 million in an initial public stock offering.

This year, Forbes magazine estimated the net worth of her sons at \$5.1 billion total, ranking them both among the top 300 richest people in the world.

A private, family-only funeral was held Sunday. A memorial service will be held in mid-May but the details have not yet been worked out, Susman said.



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FASHION SHOW TOMORROW NIGHT

The Rock N' Roll Fashion Show will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom. The show will feature live music, Diversity Boutique giveaways and coupons to downtown stores. The event is being sponsored by the Musicians Guild.

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The calendar of events is taken from
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10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Chess Challenge Info. Table
Sponsored by Chess Club.
Union Lobby

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sanctuary Info. Table
Sponsored by Sanctuary.
Union Lobby

11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Finals Fest
Bacchus/Gamma will have information on stress management, stress balls and a massage therapist.
Union Oval

Noon-1 p.m.
Weight Watchers at Work
To register, please contact Rosa Hanco in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, 419-372-9009.
316 Union - Alumni Room

Noon-4 p.m.
Pie in the Face
Individuals will be able to throw a whipped cream pie into the face of an instructor or student to relieve the stress of

studying for finals. Sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi.
Bell Tower Mall

2-6 p.m.
WBGU Promotional Table
Union Lobby

5-6 p.m.
Coping with Test Anxiety to Conquer Finals
This workshop will help you identify sources of your test anxiety, discuss tips to cope with your test anxiety and general stress management and offer tips for finals preparation.
Counseling Center, 320 Saddlemeire Student Services Bldg.

6-8 p.m.
How 2 Workshop on Tie Dyed Ts
Create your own personally designed T-shirt using a variety of techniques and methods. Advance registration is required. For more details, stop by the Information Center in the Union.
315 Union - Anderson Room

7:30 p.m.
Music from Bowling Green at the Manor House: Virginia Marks Studio
Concert series featuring students and faculty from the College of Musical Arts. Free and open to the public.
Wildwood Metropark, Toledo

8 p.m.
Cup of Culture Presentation
Sponsored by the World Student Association.
318 Union - Andersen Room

8 p.m.
Ring World: Saturn—its rings & moons & the Cassini-Huygens Space Mission
Multi-media show in the Planetarium. \$1 donation suggested. This event will last for approximately one hour.
BGSU Planetarium - 112 Physical Sciences Lab Bldg.

9:30 p.m.
UAO Movie: Last Samurai
Sponsored by University Activities Organization.
Union Theater

Toledo researching alternative fuel options

The city of Toledo, including the University of Toledo, is looking into using alternatives to traditional fuel sources.

By Erika Ray

U-WIRE

TOLEDO, Ohio - Gas fumes emitted from buses throughout the city of Toledo, including those on the University of Toledo's campus, may soon start smelling more like popcorn than diesel.

The development of an alternative fuel to be implemented by local bus fleets, called B20 biodiesel, has been spearheaded by Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-9), who said the fuel would be produced more naturally.

"This is something I'm so happy about," Kaptur said. "One good thing about naturally produced fuel is that it smells like popcorn."

She said the reason for this initiative is to become less dependent on foreign sources of energy, particularly petroleum from the Middle East.

"We must replace imported petroleum with renewable energy that will make us energy independent," Kaptur said. "One of the ways we can help is to become fuel efficient right here [in Toledo]."

Steve Wise, transit services supervisor, said although biodiesel is more expensive—possibly costing up to 40 cents more a gallon—the environmental savings would be worth it.

"As I understand, we're going to be using a blended fuel, which is called B20," Wise said. "It's fuel that's basically made from grain; it's blended together. It burns cleaner fuel and it's better for the environment."

He added that B20 is composed of 80 percent petroleum diesel and 20 percent biofuel.

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MARCY KAPTUR,
CONGRESSWOMAN

"Transit is more than happy to do our part to help since the buses use the majority of the diesel that's used on the campus," Wise said.

The alternative fuel initiative is part of a chain of alternative energy proposals announced by Kaptur, which also includes continuing the funding for the development of an electric/diesel transit bus engine at both UT and Bowling Green State University and funding research of Photovoltaic Hydrogen power at UT.

According to Nagi Naganathan, dean of the College of Engineering, engineering faculty will be involved with exploring how vehicles react to fuel made from biosources and what the life

cycle of the engines will be using those particular fuels.

"One particular aspect of this initiative is the exploration on using alternative fuels on current engine designs, in particular using biofuels, or fuels derived from corn and other biomaterials," he said. "This is not only demonstrating technology, but demonstrating it on a very practical level."

"The purpose of this is they're going to be getting data concerning engine life and data about emissions and operating costs using biodiesel," Wise added.

Naganathan said he and the research team through the College of Engineering are patiently waiting to get started.

"As soon as the resources become available to the research team, we will be ready to jump into this," Naganathan said.

Also, to further Photovoltaic Hydrogen research at UT, the university has been awarded \$1 million, according to Dr. Frank Calzonetti, vice provost for research.

However, he added that because the money has been put into the 2004 federal fiscal year, it hasn't arrived at the university yet.

Calzonetti said the fuel could begin to be used in the busses at UT in late summer or beginning in the fall, depending on when the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority begins using it.

Why did BGSU switch from semesters to quarters in the 1968-69 year?

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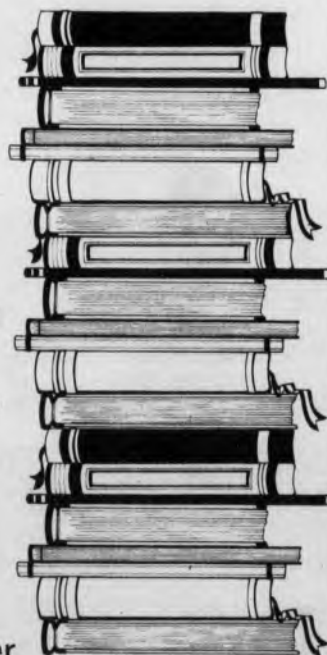
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Important:

INFORMATION AND DEADLINES
FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

■ Annual Report and Registration Packet [Due May 7]

Every organization except sports clubs and IFC, Panhel, GIB, and NPHC organizations must submit this form. With this form, all organizations must submit the most current copy of their constitution and by-laws to involved@bgsu.edu.

■ Campus-Fest Table Reservation [Due May 21]

Sign up for a table today as space is limited for this event. Campus Fest will be September 3, 2004 and is held in conjunction with the All-Campus Picnic.

■ Office/Workstation/Storage-Space Renewal [Due April 28]

All organizations with an office or workstation in 410 of the Union or a storage space in 424 of the Union must complete this form.

■ SBC Funding Contracts

All organizations that received funding from the Student Budget Committee should submit this signed form so that the organization may access its allocated money.

■ Orientation & Registration Promotional Materials [Due May 7]

Organizations wishing to promote their group during orientation may submit a flier and/or video for the organization display area.

All forms are due to the
Office of

Campus
Involvement

401 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Most forms may be found on the Office of Campus Involvement website
www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/getinvolved/organization.html (click on forms)

QUOTEUNQUOTE

"People ... can relate more to a comedian talking about real, everyday things than a comedian in a suit and tie — and I can go from yard work to the stage in the same outfit."

Comedian LARRY THE CABLE GUY, on his heartland appeal. (Billboard)

OPINION

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Being judged by public opinion

Michael Jackson, Kobe Bryant, Barry Bonds and Vance Joseph are all on trial.

Well, in actuality none of them are on trial by a jury of their peers. They are on trial by mass media.

Michael Jackson is being charged with child molestation. Kobe Bryant is being charged with rape. Barry Bonds is being accused of taking illegal steroids. Vance Joseph is being judged by the University for his possible actions in the sex scandal sur-

rounding Colorado University football.

All four of these men are being judged by the public. The citizens, whose level of information varies from "very" to "some-what" to "not at all," are formulating their own opinions on whether or not Jackson, Bryant, Bonds or Joseph are "guilty" in their respective senses.

This can be very dangerous — there is no way, even in this day in age, that everybody can be exposed to all of the unbiased

facts surrounding a prominent figure's supposed suspicious background.

What the public thinks is not always the truth. It is simply their opinion.

For example, one might read on Reuters that Michael Jackson fired his two lead defense attorneys. We, as average citizens, begin to speculate as to why Jackson decided to hire new attorneys.

It could have been because he felt his attorneys could not "get

him off the hook," so to speak.

But how are we to know?

We may read on Reuters that Kobe Bryant's lawyers filed a motion for the plaintiff to stop calling herself the "victim" rather than the "accuser."

One might think this suggests that Bryant knows he did not rape the accuser and therefore the title "victim" indicates that he is being portrayed as something he's not.

But how do we know that? The same story goes with

Barry Bonds' supposed ties to BALCO, a supplement firm which may or may not have distributed steroids to several athletes, including Bonds.

The BG News has received several letters both supporting and condemning our Department of Athletics for hiring Vance Joseph as an assistant coach.

Was Joseph a part of the sex scandals? After all, he was put on administrative leave at UC, but Coach Brandon believes he did-

n't do it.

There is no way anyone can really know what happened or will happen. We are simply predicting the future — something we do all the time, and with good reason.

We feel it is necessary to listen to both sides of the controversies surrounding Jackson, Bryant, Bonds, Joseph and the like.

Don't let the court of public opinion influence your own decision on these — and similar — matters.

Offenhauer: I hardly knew ye



MATT SUSSMAN

Asst. Opinion Editor

A lot of people are graduating. Actually, just the seniors that are graduating are graduating. Nonetheless, there is a lot of graduation talk in the air.

I'm not graduating, but I am moving out of the dorms for the first time.

Call me crazy, but living on campus has been pretty good to me. I've had a good couple of years at Offenhauer (motto: "We haven't had a fire drill since — oh shoot, there it goes again!").

People always remember the good things with the bad things. Therefore, I will make a list of all the aspects of Offenhauer I will miss and put it in this column.

I do this for several reasons. I like to take a break from making fun of people and reminisce. Also, I had two pages of opinion to fill, and there was room for me to write this.

I will miss those little PEDs. I once heard a rumor that somewhere on campus there is a record of every time someone has used a PED on those scanner things (no one knows what they're called — it's the mystery of the PED system). It's very sad to think that I will no longer add to that record, provided it does exist.

I will miss recycling. It was so easy — I just had to walk down the hall and drop my SoBe bottles and Pepsi cans into the bins.

I always got a kick out of peering into these bins and looking at all the beer cans and beer bottles. Then again, it's not that funny, because I know that nobody underage could have been responsible for those empty containers.

I will miss the elevators. I'll miss the ones that break down, making it very difficult for those who live on the 10th floor to get

to and from their rooms.

I will miss the people that scoff and roll their eyes anytime someone used the elevator to get to or from the second or third floors. These angry individuals are probably the same people who are too lazy to walk to the Rec Center and instead take the shuttle.

I will remember that time this year when one of the elevator's lights were out and I got to ride it in complete darkness. That was awesome.

I will miss the self-cleaning bathrooms. Well, they didn't clean themselves, but what I am trying to say is I wasn't the one cleaning them, and that's all that matters. However, I won't miss the times that the bathrooms were being cleaned while I had to go to the bathroom. Nobody likes to urinate when a cleaning lady can hear you piddle.

I will miss the showers whose water jets are probably capable of pinning a small, furry animal to the side of the stall.

I will regret never testing the aforementioned theory.

I will miss using the phone to dial five-digit numbers. Now I move off-campus, where the number of digits doubles. This means I have to forget exactly half of the phone numbers I already knew. Otherwise, I would have to learn more and that's not happening, bub.

I will miss skipping floor meetings. Now all I can skip is class.

I will miss sharing the elevator on a Saturday night with two people who look like they just came back from Uptown. I recall the awkwardness of getting a whiff of the alcohol and hormones emitted by those two soon-to-be lovebirds, and even if they don't know their names, it will give them something to talk about in the morning.

I will miss the fire drill we had that night. I could only wonder what caused it.

For all the other fire drills, I will

miss intelligent college students who were unable to work the microwave. Hey, Ms. Healthy Light Snack, it's not rocket science — it's Jiffy Pop.

I will miss running into the same person day after day in the bathroom. This person is commonly known as a "dump buddy." My buddy's name is Rick.

I will miss hearing girls argue about whatever they argue about. My door may have been closed, but I was able to hear the yelling from down the hall. Arguments like that are always funny when you're not a part of them.

I will miss my outside windows not opening. I loved how the temperature always stayed the same depending on the season — 90 degrees in the winter, 20 degrees in the fall and spring.

I will miss having a meal plan and rushing to spend \$200 in the final two weeks. "Who wants a mock strawberry daiquiri from Campus Corners? This round's on me!"

I will miss the free New York Times, which I only ever swiped and gutted for its daily crossword. (To be honest with all of you, I really hate reading the newspapers. I think it is a waste of time.)

Most of all, I will miss being locked out of my dorm during the holiday breaks, because being the bonehead you already thought I was, I tend to forget some essential items in my dorm. Consequently I have to live a week or two without my glasses, medication, toothbrush, wallet or birth control pills (just making sure you're awake).

However, I never forgot vital Gamecube games or my "The Onion" compilation books. After all, what am I, stupid?

My dump buddy doesn't think I am.

E-mail Matt with comments at msussma@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

How are you dealing with exam stress?



CAROLYN DOBRINICH
SOPHOMORE, MUSIC ED.

"I take a nap every day."



AVERY ZACHARIAS
SOPHOMORE,
EARLY CHILDHOOD ED.

"I take a break and play my guitar."



JARED GILKERSON
SOPHOMORE, TCOM

"I will play lots of video games."



MATT REIS
SOPHOMORE, TCOM

"I will listen to the wisdom of George Feeny from 'Boy Meets World.'"

Health issues come down to one's self

BRENT BATTLE

U-WIRE Columnist

Rather than going on the low carb diet or cutting back on eating portions, most Americans could find weight loss an easy goal by not eating fast food. Unfortunately, time is our enemy. We don't have enough of it these days. So whenever a 400-pound woman who eats nothing but McDonald's sues the company for making her fat, one begins to ask the question "Who is actually at fault here?"

McDonald's knows now is not a good time to take any chances with lawyers. They were the first place sued for serving coffee that was too hot. The Lighthouse, a gym in Oklahoma City, has a sign outside with the slogan, "McDonalds and Lighthouse; bringing you a healthy lifestyle."

At first one is baffled. Football players trying to "bulk-up" before weight training are told to eat McDonalds. But go into a McDonalds today and look at their menu in comparison to the menu they had five years ago. Now they offer premium salads, yogurt parfaits and water as a drink option. Even the french — I'm sorry — freedom fries are supposed to contain half the fat of their previous batch. Healthy choices do not mean people are going to eat healthy, though.

Last week the CEO of McDonald's died of a heart attack. At first we can point fingers at his company and say McDonald's is to blame for his death and ultimately "fattening America," but this country is made up of free enterprise and several hidden factors. I met the

CEO two years ago and he wasn't fat. Rhetorically, what came first; the Playboy magazine or the sexual thoughts and cravings for such material?

Pornography didn't create the sexual thought, and McDonalds didn't create the craving for unhealthy food.

Two percent milk or fat free skim milk? Butter or margarine? Miller or Miller Light? Sure, one tastes great, but the other is less filling. It's that decision that we feel as Americans makes us free.

Remember in the movie "Demolition Man" when the Taco Bell didn't have tacos and burritos and all they served was health food? Yes, we watched that movie because it was sponsored by Taco Bell and when the movie implied in the future we will only eat healthy food we "ran for the border" and basked in the glory of this present freedom knowing that greasy processed flour and beans would "satisfy our late night crunch." Nice way to "think outside the bun," America. Ironically, Denis Leary starred in that movie symbolically as the conservative of the future that desired driving muscle cars, smoking cigarettes and "eating raw red meat." He lived in a sewer and ate hamburgers made of rats.

Subway, the only healthy fast food franchise in America, jumped on the low-carb bandwagon with their wraps. "It's OK, I had Subway." From this we can conclude: "I had a bowl of pork rinds and bacon grease this morning, but it's OK, I had Subway yesterday."

The fast food corporations like McDonald's find many ways to appear noble in their intentions, but in the end only those with the will to control their eating will benefit.

Chatrooms contain scary men

JOHNATHAN REEDER

U-WIRE Columnist

My original goal was to prove that the Internet had become a festering stinkhole.

Well, it has, but upon further reflection, a cavalcade of good points leapt into my mind and stomped the original theme into disconnected thoughts and random phrases. "Chat" appeared

in a significant number of those phrases.

Chat is just so annoying. Is it possible to have a meaningful conversation when every verbal volley is six to eight words long? Go to a chat room and try to follow a single conversation for 10 minutes. Wait a minute, don't do that, you might be hooked.

Chat has spawned its own language — its lexicon filled with an amalgam of acronyms, misspellings and slang. The conven-

tions are just awful. U no wut I m33n? If you didn't, you do now.

This doesn't bode well for the future, folks. Imagine an entire generation of children using Internet chat as a primer. It's a scary thought, but it does have a bright side. When we're sitting around in our rocking chairs asking, "Why can't Johnny read?" we'll have a good answer: He doesn't recognize any of the words.

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Tuesday's Joke of the Day

The teacher said to his class, "It's an interesting linguistic fact that, in English, a double negative forms a positive. In some cases though, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative."

"However," he continued, "there is no language in which a double negative can form a positive."

From the back of the class, a student yelled to the teacher, "Yeah, right!"

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CHATROOM, from PAGE 4

English is the predominant language used on the Web. It's been adopted by Web designers who want to reach the broadest possible audience. They can't be faulted for wanting more visibility, but we can be faulted for not taking the time to learn adequate grammar and spelling.

Language can be altered, but another problem will haunt chat rooms until they become out of date: the common pervert.

The anonymity of chat brings out the worst in some people. The creep who lacks the courage to loiter near the playground can spend unlimited time pretending to be someone else in a chat room.

One Web site, Perverted Justice, has volunteers who visit chat rooms and pretend to be minors, complete with child-like screen names and picture profiles. They chat until someone sexually propositions them.

Next, the volunteer works to get a name and telephone number, which another volunteer verifies by calling. Finally, the want-to-be pedophile's screen name, e-mail address, telephone number and picture are posted on the site, in addition to the full text of the conversation.

This organization appears to have the best of intentions, but the lengths to which some of its volunteers go to are questionable. One chat log introduction said the volunteer had chatted with the other person for almost six hours.

Pedophiles aren't the only Web bogeymen that go 'click' in the night; dangers abound for post-pubescent chatters. John Robinson was convicted of killing three women in Kansas and admitted to killing five more in Missouri. He met several of his victims in chat rooms where he used the screen name "Slavemaster."

Plenty of other deviants cruise chat rooms for victims. No one could ever list them all so let this suffice: There are people willing to chat with anyone and chat rooms devoted to anything.

There's a sure-fire way to avoid all the hazards of Internet chat. Don't use it, don't let children use it and discourage its use among others.

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U. Athletics show apathy in serious matter

I salute the members of the Women's Studies Department and Women's Center who had the courage to question Coach Gregg Brandon's decision to hire Vance Joseph as the Falcon football team's new defensive back coach.

Having done my research on Coach Joseph, I ask that the Athletic Department come forth with more information about Joseph's suspension from the University of Colorado for "personal matters." While it is not clear that Joseph's suspension is tied to the ongoing investigation of UC's football program, it has not been expressly said that it is not.

The facts are that Joseph was an integral part of UC's recruiting team and he has been noted in public commentary as making strides in Colorado as a football recruiter. Joseph, himself, secured three commitments to UC from Michigan — a fact not overlooked by BGSU in their hiring process.

To brand Joseph as having no relationship to Colorado's recruitment process is irresponsible.

I am not debasing Coach Joseph's skills. He has proven himself to be talented both on and off the field. However, the fact remains that during his tenure at the University of Colorado three women filed suits claiming they were raped during or immediately following a 2001 off campus recruitment party.

After these allegations came to surface there were only two Colorado coaching staff members suspended — one of them was Vance Joseph.

If you are an employing institution hiring Joseph, how can these allegations not be a concern?

How can you not care — how can you not care about the women victimized during his period of employment?

How can you not care about the rape culture that the Colorado staff helped to maintain during his employment?

How can you not care about the effect the translation of that culture to BGSU will have on our community?

Coach Brandon served as an assistant at Colorado from 1999 to 2001. Since 1997, a total of eight women have said they were raped by Colorado football players or recruits. I wonder Coach Brandon, do you care about the women who were victimized during your tenure at Colorado?

I find it disheartening that at an institution of higher education we would support the victimization of women by not addressing these important issues publicly, prior to our hiring of Joseph. The implications of this decision are far reaching, affecting not only the moral and ethical development of our football team, but all our students.

As educators, we have a responsibility to provide positive social and educational role models for the students at BGSU. I have valid concerns that Vance Joseph might not fit this role. I have greater concerns that Gregg Brandon might not fit this role.

A high level of insensitivity toward women's issues and gender equality has been exhibited.

Who will provide the men and women of this campus an apology?

Who will come forward with legitimate responses to our concerns?

RAND PULLANO
ALUMNUS

Joseph brings with him some bad publicity

I would like to add my comments to those made earlier. BGSU Football Coach Gregg Brandon has made two mistakes.

First, he should not have hired Vance Joseph from the University of Colorado football coaching staff until the allegations of NCAA recruiting violations and allegations of rapes committed by Colorado football players had been resolved. By hiring preemptively, Coach Brandon has actually done a disservice to his friend by making it that much harder for Coach Joseph to ever clear his name.

Second, Coach Brandon's comment in the national media that "he doesn't care" doesn't sit well with anyone including me, and actually carries the unintended implication that Coach Brandon knows his friend is guilty. I would say that Coach Brandon is the one who has done the damage here, not those

who have sent in letters worried about the implications.

Thanks to Coach Brandon, Athletic Director Paul Krebs now faces two unsavory prospects: Placing Coach Joseph on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigations at the University of Colorado, or else toughing it out and facing the public relations nightmare and loss of fans at BGSU home games next year. The anger of alumni who are BGSU football fans should be appropriately directed.

JIM EVANS
PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY

Praising the latest theatre production

On Sunday, April 25th, we attended the final performance of "She Stoops to Conquer," Oliver Goldsmith's delightful blending of restoration and sentimental comedy modes, as

pointed out in the program notes by Jonathan Chambers, Director.

We applaud Chambers, Bradford Clark (Scene Designer), Margaret McCubbin (Costume Designer) and Marcus Sherrell (Lighting Designer) for bringing this comedy (written in 1773) to the stage of the Eva Marie Saint Theatre.

It was, we think, no easy feat to bring all the theatrical elements together to provide the audience with a superb, professional performance. We do not know how many attended the five previous performances; at ours, the appreciative audience was slight.

The well-chosen cast delivered their lines briskly and clearly. Such delivery, together with timing, is very important for making this kind of comedy successful. We especially commend Ryan Zarecki for his excellent portrayal of young Charles Marlow.

We are pleased that the Department of Theatre and Film at BGSU includes period comedies like Goldsmith's.

WALLY AND DIANE PRETZER
BOWLING GREEN RESIDENTS

Irony exists in pro-choice, anti-war cries

I believe in a woman's right to choose. I believe in a woman's right to choose to have sexual intercourse. I believe in a woman's right to choose to have unprotected sexual intercourse.

But I also believe that's where the woman's right to choose ends. After that it's about the child's right to live.

In addition, I find it interesting that the people marching in Washington yesterday are some of the same people, that under different circumstances — an anti-war rally for instance — would be calling George W. Bush a murderer and baby killer, without even a hint of irony.

BRIAN MEYERS
STUDENT



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ISRAEL IDENTIFIES NEW SECRET HAMAS LEADER

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel identified the new, secret Hamas leader in the Gaza Strip as Mahmoud Zahar, a 53-year-old Egyptian-trained physician, and signaled yesterday he won't be targeted if the militant group halts attacks on Israelis. Hamas, however, refused to reveal the name of its leader for fear he will be assassinated like his two predecessors.

WORLD

Iraqi warehouse detonates, 2 dead

By Bassem Mroue
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suspected chemical weapons warehouse exploded in flames yesterday moments after U.S. troops broke in, killing two soldiers and wounding five. Jubilant Iraqis swarmed over the Americans' charred Humvees, waving looted machine guns, a bandolier and a helmet.

In Fallujah, U.S. troops battled insurgents in the latest violation of a tentative cease-fire for the besieged city. One Marine and eight insurgents were killed.

Marines fought Sunni guerrillas around a mosque in Fallujah's Jolan district, a poor neighborhood where insurgents are concentrated. Helicopter gunships joined the battle, which sent heavy black smoke over the city. Tank fire demolished a minaret from which officials said gunmen were firing.

The U.S. troops met "a real nasty bunch," said Lt. Col. Brennan Byrne, commander of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. But he said the violence would not deter plans to begin joint U.S.-Iraq patrols in the city.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt did not say what sort of chemical munitions were believed to be produced at the Baghdad warehouse. After the blast, there was no sign of precautions against chemicals. "Chemical munitions could mean any number of things," including smoke grenades, he said.

The cause of the blast was unclear. Kimmitt said a large number of explosives were in the building in the northern neighborhood of Waziriyah.

Asked about reports that the search team included members of the Iraq Survey Group — the U.S. team looking for weapons of mass destruction — Kimmitt said only: "The inspection was by a number of coalition forces."

He said the owner of the site was "suspected of producing and supplying chemical agents" to Iraqi insurgents, but did not elaborate.

The blast leveled the front half of the one-story building and set ablaze four Humvees parked outside. A U.S. soldier was seen being taken away on a stretcher, her chest and face severely burned. Several Iraqis were pulled from the wreckage, including a woman who wept as she was carried over a man's shoulder to safety.

Afterward, dozens of cheering teenagers started to smash the abandoned Humvees. One child climbed on a hood of one of the vehicles and beat it with a stick. A man held up a photo of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Iraqis stripped the vehicles of equipment, one carrying a heavy machine gun, another waving a U.S. helmet. One man sported military headphones.

"This is for the madman Bush, for the madman Bremer!" said one youth as he waved a rifle, referring to President Bush and the top American administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer.

Outside Najaf, Shiite militiamen in cars fired rocket-propelled grenades at a U.S. position, witnesses said. Apache helicopters and U.S. troops opened fire and set the cars ablaze.

Around 200 U.S. troops and Military Police made their first deployment inside Najaf, moving into a base that Spanish troops are vacating about five miles from holy shrines at the heart of the city.

U.S. commanders have said they will not move against the shrines in order to capture al-Sadr. The Americans say they're aware that doing so could turn al-Sadr's limited revolt into a wider anti-U.S. uprising by Iraq's Shiite majority.

In Baghdad, however, Bremer heightened warnings about the reported stockpiling of weapons in "mosques, shrines and schools" in Najaf — and his spokesman noted that such actions make the sites fair targets for military action.

"The coalition certainly will not tolerate this situation," Bremer said in a statement addressed to residents of Najaf. "The restoration of these holy places to calm

places of worship must begin immediately."

Bremer's spokesman, Dan Senor, would not elaborate on steps the coalition was ready to take to do so. He noted that in the case of military action, "those places of worship are not protected under the Geneva Convention" if they are used to store weapons.

Shiite militias remain a threat in other cities.

Militiamen ambushed Spanish troops in the city of Diwaniyah, south of Najaf, and in the ensuing battle, six Iraqi gunmen were killed. Insurgents in Karbala fired at Bulgarian President Georgi Parvanov's motorcade Sunday as he made a brief visit to his country's troops. No one in the motorcade was hurt.

The deaths of the two soldiers in Baghdad and the Marine in Fallujah brought to 114 the number of U.S. troops killed in combat so far this month — nearly as many as the 115 Americans killed during the invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein a year ago.

The fighting in Fallujah was the latest violence to shake a two-week-old ceasefire.

Still, U.S. officials said they wanted to press forward with a political track, a day after abruptly toning down threats to launch a full-out assault on the city.

U.S. troops and Iraqi security forces are to start patrolling most parts of the city, except the Jolan area, probably on Thursday. There was little guarantee that guerrillas, who Marines say have not abided by other parts of past negotiated agreements, won't attack the patrols.

In Najaf, the Spanish base is pockmarked with shells and shrapnel from earlier attacks. The golden domes of the Shiite shrines at Najaf's center — a no-go zone for the Americans — were visible from inside the compound. Spanish troops are due to leave within days, and the Americans moved in to ensure al-Sadr militiamen did not overrun the site.



AP PHOTO

QUARANTINED: Chinese quarantined due to exposure to a confirmed SARS patient arrive at an isolation depot in Hefei, Anhui, Central China, Sunday. China was investigating four new suspected SARS cases in the capital on Sunday, days after it confirmed two cases linked to a Beijing research lab, an unsettling development just before a major holiday sends millions traveling around the country.

Hundreds quarantined to contain SARS disease

By Ted Anthony
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BEIJING — Nearly 500 people were in quarantine in China's capital and a southern province yesterday as authorities raced to contain a small eruption of SARS before a national holiday puts millions of travelers on the road.

Two confirmed cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome and six suspected ones have been announced over the past week, with all of them linked to people who worked in a SARS lab in Beijing.

People in Beijing and in Anhui province believed to have come in contact with those cases — 337 in the capital and 133 in the province — are under quarantine, according to the official newspaper China Daily. Government investigators also fanned out to examine labs that do SARS research, China Daily said.

The May Day vacation beginning this weekend poses a dilemma for leaders. They fear that having so many travelers on the move could spread SARS again but also worry that canceling or curtailing the holiday could cause serious economic damage.

"SARS surveillance tightened ahead of Golden Week," the Communist Party newspaper

People's Daily said.

At the border crossing with North Korea in the northern Chinese city of Dandong, truck drivers entering China stuck their heads out of windows into the rain yesterday so screeners could check their temperatures with disposable thermometers.

The news provider Sina.com has sent subscribers of its cell phone news bulletin service a detailed itinerary of one confirmed SARS patient's recent travels, suggesting that travelers who may have come in contact with her seek medical evaluations.

Still, health officials prescribed calm. All of the suspected cases announced over the weekend have been traced back to a single patient, the government said, suggesting the problem was still tightly confined and not a general outbreak.

SARS first emerged in southern China's Guangdong Province in November 2002. It triggered a global health crisis, killing 774 people around the world and infecting more than 8,000. In China, 349 people died.

The suspected cases include the father, mother, aunt and roommate of a 20-year-old confirmed SARS patient in Beijing with the surname of Li, the Health Ministry said. The other

confirmed case is a 26-year-old medical student with the surname of Song in the southern province of Anhui.

The workers became sick at the research lab in the Chinese capital, WHO said. And in what could be the world's first SARS death this year, Song's mother died last week in Anhui. Though Chinese authorities said she had a heart condition, WHO said she had "clinical symptoms ... compatible with SARS."

Song worked at the Beijing lab — the virus control institute at China's Centers for Disease Control — and is believed to have infected her mother after returning to Anhui.

Song was confirmed to have SARS and was treated last month at a Beijing hospital, where she came into contact with Li, the nurse who is also now a confirmed SARS case, the ministry said. A 31-year-old Beijing man who worked at the lab has been listed as a suspected case.

Song "has been recovering" and her temperature was normal Sunday, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The World Health Organization said any transmissions so far have appeared to be from very close contact.

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BRIEFING

Janssen Patton signs a contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers

THE BG NEWS

Bowling Green All-American cornerback Janssen Patton went undrafted this past weekend but still signed a contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

He is planning to report to the team mini-camp later this week.

Patton led the Mid-American Conference with seven interceptions and is the first player in Division I-A history to record two three-interception games in one season.

Baseball readies to play Defiance and the Buckeyes

THE BG NEWS

The Bowling Green baseball team is playing two games this week. The first will be against Defiance (11-18) at 3 p.m. today.

Today's game will be followed by a showdown with Ohio State (19-17) in Columbus tomorrow.

The Falcons have had success recently, as they took two of three from Kent State last weekend. The Kent game marked the only Mid-American Conference game for BG in the next two weeks.

Schnipke finishes third at the MAC tourney

By Kevin Shields
SPORTS REPORTER

It was a rough weekend for the Falcon golf teams, but one that saw the highest finish ever by a Falcon golfer at the Mid-American Conference Championships.

Senior Jenny Schnipke had two rounds of 74 and a final round of 78 to finish third at the MAC Championships. She finished two behind second place and 11 shots back of the individual winner.

"I thought the tournament went really well for me, and I had a lot of fun playing out there. The team struggled a bit, but it was tough conditions with the rain we had to deal with," Schnipke said. "I'm glad I finished that well in my last tournament, it made it that much more special."

As a team, the Falcons finished in eighth place in the tournament shooting a combined three round total of 992. Kent State won the

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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Softball prepares for CSU

By Jason A. Dixon
SPORTS REPORTER

If it's true that adversity is only preparation for success, then Cleveland State and Bowling Green State should consider themselves joined at the hip.

Both teams have suffered through losing streaks of three games or more this season but when they meet at the BGSU Softball Field for today's 3 p.m. double-header, momentum will spring eternal.

The Vikings (23-10, 11-4) are coming off a 12-inning win against Horizon League foe Wisconsin-Green Bay, and have compiled a 17-5 record this month after starting the season by losing 12 of their first 15

games.

CSU head coach Julie Jones said Sunday's game shouldn't have gone 12-innings, but the team is still feeling pretty good right now.

"We've been putting some big wins together down the stretch, and it's good to see the team playing so well after a rough start," she said. "We want to continue to play well and this should be a good challenge for us, because Bowling Green is always a tough team and I know they took three from Northern Illinois, so I think both teams have a lot of momentum right now."

The Falcons (24-23, 11-7) have won 11 of 15 games and find

themselves tied with Miami for the fifth-seed in the MAC Tournament, but head coach Leigh Ross-Shaw said it will be good to step out of conference play.

"I think non conference is always a great time to get some kids in and to try a couple of new things, and they're still things that we're trying," Ross-Shaw said during practice last Thursday. "They know a lot of players on Cleveland State's team, so they don't ever let up against them."

BG leads the MAC in ERA, averaging 1.51 runs per-game and Jones said her team will have to be patient at the plate to try and get some hits.

"They have a really tough pitching staff and we're trying to improve offensively," she said. "We have to be selective with our pitches and be smart at the plate."

The Falcons will head to Detroit for a double-header on Thursday - their final non conference series of the season - before ending the regular-season with series' against Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan, respectively.

"We need to use these non conference games as the best practice we can," Ross-Shaw said. "This is going to be a good opportunity for us to see where we're at before we get back into conference play."



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BRINGIN' IT: Bowling Green's Liz Vrabel warms up before pitching against Ball State.

Winslow a step up from Dad

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — According to an understandably biased father, the Cleveland Browns made a huge upgrade at tight end by picking Kellen Winslow Jr. in last weekend's NFL draft.

Kellen Winslow Sr. says his kid is even better than he was.

"If I was Kellen Winslow 1.0," the 47-year-old Hall of Famer said, "he's Kellen Winslow 2.0."

The Browns traded up one spot in the first round on Saturday to nab the younger Winslow, Miami's talented All-American whose apparent lack of humility may be his lone flaw.

Winslow Jr. not only calls himself "The Chosen One," but during his introductory news conference with the Browns said he expects one day to exceed the accomplishments of his father, who helped revolutionize the tight end position over nine seasons with San Diego.

"I'm not going to lie," the Winslow man-child said. "I think I can be [better]."

The elder Winslow thinks so, too. He says his namesake is already more gifted than he was at 21.

"I never ran like that," Winslow said, referring to his son's 4.55 in the 40-yard dash. "He's faster than I was, he's quicker than I was and he's had more exposure to the game than I did at this point in

my career."

Winslow Jr.'s versatility will allow the Browns to use him in a variety of roles on offense.

His speed should create mismatches against linebackers, and his size — 6-foot-4, 240 or so pounds — will make it tough for cornerbacks to handle him.

It's a dimension the Browns haven't had offensively since Ozzie Newsome, another Hall of Fame tight end, played for them in the 1980s.

Coach Butch Davis, who helped recruit Winslow to Miami, said the club didn't swap first-round picks with Detroit and give up a second-round pick to chose Winslow Jr. solely on pedigree.

"We didn't draft him because of his father," Davis said. "But there is a certain element of drive that adds to the I-want-to-be-better-than-Dad attitude."

Winslow Sr. said he never wanted to name his son Kellen.

"That was his mother's idea," he said.

The father also tried to steer his little boy away from football at a young age, not wanting him to be branded with having to live up to the name.

"I said, 'Go play basketball, work on the athleticism of basketball and bring those to football,'" Winslow Sr. said. "And I believe it shows. His footwork is directly related to soccer and basketball."



Phil Coale AP Photo

IN THE LEAGUE: Miami receiver Kellen Winslow runs for a gain against Florida State in 2003. The Browns made Winslow their first round pick Saturday at the NFL Draft.

But the kid's heart belongs to football. Along with inheriting his father's wondrous abilities, Winslow Jr. picked up his dad's competitiveness and a fiery personality that at times burns too brightly.

Winslow Sr. never backed down from anyone — coaches, teammates, defenders or even officials.

"I didn't take any stuff from

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Browns' picks, love or hate them

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — Here's a look at the players chosen by the Cleveland Browns in the 2004 NFL draft, listing name, position, college, overall selection in draft, height, weight and hometown.

Round 1

Kellen Winslow, Jr., tight end, Miami (Fla.). (No. 6 overall), 6-foot-4, 243 pounds, San Diego Calif.

Versatile receiver will have immediate impact in Browns' offense. ... Son of Hall of Fame tight end Kellen Winslow. ... Caught 119 passes for 1,365 yards (11.5 average per reception) in three seasons with Hurricanes. ... Left Miami after junior season. ... Excellent hands, much quicker than prototypical tight ends. ... Able to break tackles of linebackers and run away from defensive backs. ... Fiery player with perceived attitude problem. ... Had knack for causing controversy, including much publicized "I am a soldier" rant following a loss to Tennessee last

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Trio dominates track and field

By Danielle Tanner
SPORTS REPORTER

Winning meets and breaking records are two feats that have become routine for the BG women's track team throughout the 2004 indoor and outdoor seasons. Some might attribute the squad's success to diligent coaching or the talented roster, but the team's senior leadership is definitely one undeniable force behind the impressive performances.

Senior captains Amber Culp, Kerri McClung and Alicia Taylor know how to win, but more importantly, they know how to lead.

One of the captains' primary responsibilities is helping underclassmen adjust to competing at the collegiate level. Being freshmen themselves just a few years ago allows the captains to advise their younger teammates based on their own experiences.

"Being on a Division I athletic team is not easy," McClung said. "We're there for support. We've walked the path and we understand that there's an end to it."

Along with supporting their teammates, leading by example is one of the Falcon captains' specialties. McClung is a Mid-American Conference champion thrower, Taylor owns a MAC championship title in the hurdles and Culp is a standout performer in both the steeplechase and distance races. All three athletes provide examples of hard work and excellent performance in their respective events.

"It's all about being a leader, not only on the track, but with your grades as well. You don't have to be the best athlete, but it's important to put in a great amount of work ethic," Taylor said.

"It takes attitude and commitment," Culp said. "You really



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TAKING A BREAK: Bowling Green co-captain Amber Culp is taking it easy during practice yesterday. Culp is part of a trio of captains that has the Falcons performing at a high level.

have to want it. Sometimes you may start out at the back of the pack, but you have to be committed to do what it takes - getting enough sleep, eating well, making sure your priorities are straight."

Being a captain surrounded by talented athletes from many

different backgrounds can be challenging. It's not always easy to get a diverse group of people on the same page, but the captains explained how they are constantly striving toward unity.

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Track scores several bests at Gina Relays

By Danielle Tanner
SPORTS REPORTER

The BG women's track and field team ran a successful meet this weekend at the Hillsdale Gina Relays in Hillsdale, Mich.

The meet was not scored, but the Falcons had several top finishes and many personal best or season's best times. Captains Amber Culp, Kerri McClung and Alicia Taylor led the squad with several of the season's best marks and at least one first place finish each. Head coach Scott Sehmman expressed pride in the team's performance.

"Overall, I think it was probably our best team effort of the year," Sehmman said. "Across the board, from event to event, I was pleased with the effort and performance of the team."

In sprint events, Taylor led the way by winning the 100 meter dash along with the 100 meter hurdles. Teammates

Valerie Holland and Jessica White placed third and fifth respectively in the 100 meter dash. Amber Walker finished fifth in the 400 meter dash and sixth in the 200 meters. Teammate Lyndi Springer took eighth in the 400 meter hurdles in a personal best time of 1:03.58.

Distance runner Amber Culp had a standout meet as well, winning the 3,000 meter steeplechase in a season best time of 10:42.89. Her time was the second fastest in school history. Fellow distance runner Melissa Krueger took sixth in the 800 meters.

BG's relay teams once again had an excellent meet. The 4 x 100 meter team took second in 46.64. The 4 x 800 meter relay team also took second with a time of 9:37.36.

In field events, the Falcons had several athletes in the top

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Men's track club runs last meet

By Steve Vairetta
GUEST REPORTER

The Bowling Green men's track club ran their last meet of the season over the weekend and established several new personal bests at the Hillsdale Gina Relays.

"The men's track club has had moderate numbers this year but those that have made the commitment to the program have represented the University and themselves well.

"The men have set several personal bests over the course of the season and shown themselves to be very competitive,"

coach Cami Wells said. Coach Tom Wright agreed with Wells' assessment.

Derrick Lett ran two personal bests in the 100 meter dash (10.78) and 200 meter dash (21.92). He placed first in the 100 and third in the 200.

Steve Vairetta won his heat of the 800 meters with a strong finish to set a personal record of 1:56.8 after drafting in third place for much of the race due to the windy conditions.

Graduate Student Mario Rothmund, en route to qualifying for the German National team, ran his season best plac-

ing 14th out of 95 in the 5,000 meters with a time of 14:40.6. Steve Blasko, recovered from a long injury ran a season best time of 16:20 in the race.

"The conditions were excellent, and I felt great the entire race, but I just need to stay focused and push through my second mile," Rothmund said.

Ray Hall and Jon Clipson also ran the sprint events. Hall ran the 200 in 23.16 and the 100 in 11.43. Clipson ran the 200 in 25.14 and the 100 in 12.41.

Women's jump coach Jason Munch also competed for the club in the triple jump, placing

10th with a jump of 23 feet.

The club also competed in the 4x100 meter relay comprised of Lett, Hall, Clipson, and Munch with a time of 43.81.

Wells added that the track season provides an opportunity for the men to stay in shape for the fall cross country season.

"I know there are many other young men on this campus who participated in track and field in high school who could benefit from joining the track club in the future. I hope that the club will continue to grow and reach even greater heights."

Intensity on the rise for BG track

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eight. Kerri McClung won the shot put with a distance of 14.87 meters, her top distance this season. Teammate Paris Bussey took eighth in the same event with a personal best throw of 13.02 meters. In the high jump, Erica Wilson took second with a jump of 1.68 meters. Teammate Veronica Vance placed sixth in the triple jump. Andi Bunko recorded a personal best in the javelin, placing fourth with a throw of

36.89 meters.

Coach Sehmman credits the team's performance to their increased effort in practice.

"We brought a few things to the team's attention last week. We certainly showed much more intensity and will to compete than we have all year," Sehmman said.

The Falcon's will take that intensity and will into their next meet. The squad will be competing in the Central Collegiate Championships in Ypsilanti, Mich. April 30.

Captains hope team meets goals

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"Anytime you bring together different people, it's hard. As captains, we're trying to figure out ways to be a better unit," Culp said.

"Our main objective is to be the best team we can be at the MAC [meet] on May 14. We

don't want issues within the team to stand in the way. We're slowly becoming more united," McClung said.

In the end, leadership alone cannot win championships, but the captains have set admirable examples of how hard work does pay off. Culp, McClung and Taylor all admitted that running at a division I school as a freshman can be daunting and discouraging at first, but they want their younger teammates to understand that putting in extra effort outside of practice is worth it eventually.

"Hard work really does pay off," Taylor said. "When I first started my first two years, it was so hard, but one day you start to see the progress coming. You start to enjoy your sport. I can say that now. I actually enjoy track and field."

Culp and McClung share Taylor's views on hard work. McClung admitted to practicing throwing drills outside of

practice wherever she could find a suitable surface. Culp can be found putting in extra miles in the morning before class.

While the captains are dedicated to displaying a strong work ethic above and beyond practice, all the extra throws, hurdles and laps aren't what this trio will miss most about their years at BG. Time spent with teammates has been one of the most positive experiences for all the Falcon leaders.

"We have our own sorority and the initiation is just being on the team. We go in and come out of everything together," Taylor said.

"It's the time you spend with teammates, hanging out and acting silly on road trips. You don't get to do the whole track thing ever again. That's what makes this experience different from high school," McClung said.

With only a handful of meets left before graduation, the senior captains are still compet-



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OFF THE FIELD: Kerri McClung poses during a practice in Bowling Green yesterday.

ing with hopes of breaking records and claiming more titles. When they do move on, they will leave the Falcons their standards of excellence in athletics as well as leadership.

For Culp, McClung, and Taylor, it is obvious there are no limits to what they will accomplish in the future.



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OVER THE HURDLE: Alicia Taylor goes over a hurdle at a meet January 6.

Like father, like son

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other people," said Winslow, enshrined in Canton in 1995. "I had shouting matches after a play, pushing and shoving. He's playing the same way I played."

In his final season with the Hurricanes, Winslow Jr. made headlines for a postgame tirade following a loss to Tennessee.

Pressed to explain the defeat and a costly unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against him, Winslow Jr. launched into a profane recitation in which he called himself "a soldier" and

compared the game to being at war. He later apologized.

Asked on Saturday what he had learned from the experience, Winslow Jr. said on "the greatest day of my life, for that question to come up, it's irrelevant."

Winslow Sr. raised Kellen as a single parent from the time he was five, teaching the youngster to speak his mind. He wasn't bothered by his son's comments.

"What I had a problem with was that he wasn't strong enough to say no and walk away," he said.

Golf has trouble outside of Schnipke's performance

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championship with a score of 902.

Four other Falcons finished in the top 50 of the standings. Kari Liggett finished 27th, Julie Wise (T-36th), Kari Evans (T-38th) and Amanda Schroeder (43rd).

"We didn't fair too well overall, but had a great performance by Jenny Schnipke. She has had her struggles in the spring season here, but this tournament was a real tribute to her and what she has meant to us," head coach Kurt Thomas said. "She kept us together all three rounds and had to play the first nine holes of the third round in a steady rain."

The men finished 17th at the First Energy Intercollegiate at the Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. They shot a three round total of 928.

Xavier won the tournament with a tournament total of 861.

Craig Pickrel was the top finisher for the men with a 33rd place finish. He had rounds of 71, 73 and 79 to finish with a 223 total. Other top finishers for the men were Adam Balls (T-46th), Dan McIntyre (T-91st), Heath Ziglar (T-94th) and Tommy Lopes (100th).

"We played terrible this weekend, and we got to get this figured out here," head coach Garry Winger said. "Craig Pickrel played really well this weekend. He had a solid 52-hole tournament and just ran into trouble with two holes."

The women have come to the end of their schedule, while the men will head to Penn State next for the Rutherford Intercollegiate.

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Perry first pick for Cincy

By Joe Kay
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Here's a look at the players chosen by the Cincinnati Bengals in the 2004 NFL draft, listing name, position, college, overall selection in draft, height, weight and hometown.

Round 1

Chris Perry, running back, Michigan (No. 26 from St. Louis), 6-foot, 224 pounds, St. Advance, N.C.

Rams swapped picks with Bengals, moving up to 24th so they could take RB Steven Jackson. Bengals preferred Perry, whom they consider a more complete back and knew would be available at No. 26. ... Won Doak Walker Award as nation's best running back and finished fourth in Heisman voting. Rushed for 1,674 yards (128.8 per game, sixth in nation) and 18 TDs on school-record 338 carries. Also caught 44 passes for 367 yards and 2 TDs. ... Not the fastest back available. Lacks breakaway speed. ... Will complement RB Rudi Johnson, who is more of a power back. Bengals compare him to former RB James Brooks, an undersized runner who caught passes next to power runner Ickey Woods.

Round 2

Keiwan Ratliff, cornerback, Florida (No. 49), 5-foot-10, 187, Columbus, Ohio.

Grew up in Youngstown, moved to Columbus at age 14 to attend Whitehall-Yearling High. Was recruited by Ohio State as a defensive back, but wanted to play receiver and went to Florida. Gators moved him to cornerback anyway. Led the SEC with nine interceptions last season, a school record. Also returned punts. ... Catches the ball reliably and has good instincts at CB, drawing upon his experience as a receiver. His size prompted him to slip to second round. ... Is the fourth cornerback taken by the Bengals in the second round in the last seven years (Artrell Hawkins 1998, Charles Fisher 1999, Mark Roman 2000).

Madieu Williams, free safety, Maryland (No. 56 from New England), 6-foot, 190, Seabrook, Md.

Born in Sierra Leone, West



David Kohl AP Photo

GETTING PAID: Cincinnati Bengals' head coach Marvin Lewis talks with Bengals' second round pick Keiwan Ratliff, left, and first pick Chris Perry, right, after a news conference Sunday.

Africa. ... Transferred from Towson to Maryland and made team as a walk-on before getting scholarship. ... started every game at free safety last season, finishing third on team in tackles. Also recovered a fumble, caused two others and intercepted three passes. ... Very athletic and quick to the ball. His size and instincts were questions, dropping him to second round.

Round 3

Caleb Miller, linebacker, Arkansas (No. 80), 6-foot-3, 225, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Started 48 games at Arkansas and had 7 1/2 sacks. ... Speed is his main attribute — he ran 4.63 in the 40-yard dash. ... Lack of bulk is his biggest drawback. Could get pushed around by NFL blockers. ... Bengals plan to use him in an outside linebacker role and on special teams, where his speed should be an asset.

Landon Johnson, linebacker, Purdue (No. 96, compensatory pick), 6-foot-1, 223, Lubbock, Texas.

Four-year starter at outside linebacker at Purdue. Known as a hard hitter — knocked seven players out of games in the last two years. Had 8 1/2 sacks, four INTs in 47 games, including 45 starts. ... Ran 4.6 seconds in the 40-yard dash. Like Caleb Miller, he's a quick linebacker who lacks bulk. He should be an asset on special teams.

Round 4

Matthias Askew, defensive tackle, Michigan State (No. 114),

6-foot-5, 308, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Played in every game for the Spartans last season as a junior, 11 as the starting left tackle. Has six sacks, but four were against Western Michigan. ... Strong and quick, but scouts say he relies too much on his strength to make plays. He also tended to wear down as games went along. Considered a prospect with a lot of room to develop.

Robert Geathers, defensive end, Georgia (No. 117 from Denver), 6-foot-3, 270, Georgetown, S.C.

His father, Robert, played in the NFL for six seasons with Buffalo. His uncle, Jumpy Geathers, was a pass rusher for New Orleans, Washington, Atlanta and Denver. ... Starting all 14 games last season as a junior. Scouts think he should have stayed for one more season and refined his skills. Is sometimes slow in recognizing what he needs to do on a play.

Stacy Andrews, offensive tackle, Mississippi (No. 123 from St. Louis), 6-foot-5, 346, Camden, Ark.

A long-term project who has played football sparingly. ... Earned letters in track and basketball at Camden Fairview High in Arkansas, where he was the state discus champion as a senior. ... Concentrated on track and field in college. Set school records for indoor weight throw, outdoor hammer throw and discus. Finished sixth in discus at the 2003 NCAA outdoor cham-

pionships. ... Joined the football team last season as a senior and saw limited action in five games. ... His size and strength are appealing as a blocker, but his lack of experience shows. ... Majored in art.

Round 5

Maurice Mann, receiver, Nevada-Reno (No. 149), 6-foot-1, 191, Monterey, Calif.

A flanker at Monterey Peninsula College from 2000-01 before transferring to Nevada, where he had limited opportunities. Started seven games last season at H-back and led the team with 35 catches. ... Suspended for first four games for unknowingly violating a team policy against using the school's account to ship furniture. ... Quick but light, had trouble blocking and showed poor footwork in routes.

Round 6

Greg Brooks, cornerback, Southern Mississippi (No. 183), 5-foot-10, 179, Harvey, La.

One of the top cornerbacks in Conference USA. Started 36 of 46 games over last three seasons after transferring from Michigan. ... Had nine interceptions in three years. Often was called upon to cover the other team's fastest receiver. ... Size and strength are two main drawbacks. Scouts say he needs to become a better tackler and work on techniques.

Round 7

Casey Bramlet, quarterback, Wyoming (No. 218), 6-foot-3, 225, Wheatland, Wyo.

McCown heads second day picks

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season. ... Recruited by Browns coach Butch Davis at Miami. ... Will be reunited with first-year tight ends coach Rob Chudzinski, his offensive coordinator with Hurricanes. ... First tight end taken by Browns in first round since Ozzie Newsome in 1978. ... First tight end selected in Top 10 since Ricky Dudley (Oakland) in 1996. ... Caught 11 passes for 122 yards in Fiesta Bowl loss to Ohio State in 2003. ... One of record six Hurricanes drafted in first round. ... Born on July 21, 1983.

Round 2

Sean Jones, safety, Georgia, (No. 59), 6-foot-1, 212 pounds, Atlanta.

Hard-hitter capable of playing either safety position. ... Special teams star for the Bulldogs, holds school record with four blocked kicks. ... 10 interceptions rank 10th on UGA's career list. ... Superb leaping ability. ... Good run stuffer who is not afraid to take on running back. ... All Southeastern Conference selection as senior. ... Defensive team captain. ... Recorded 10 tackles in bowl victory against Purdue. ... Played quarterback in high school, passing for 2,490 yards and 31 TDs senior year. ... Born March 2, 1982.

Round 4

Luke McCown, quarterback, Louisiana Tech, (No. 106), 6-foot-3, 208 pounds, Jacksonville, Texas.

Brother of Josh McCown, Arizona's starting quarterback. ... Another brother, Randy, started for three years at Texas A&M. ... Recruited in high school by Browns coach Butch Davis, but turned down Miami to stay close to home. ... Four-year starter passed for school record 12,994 yards. ... From same school that produced Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw and San Francisco starter Tim Rattay. ... As a true freshman, completed 42 passes for 444 yards in a 42-31 loss to Miami. ... Threw 65 interceptions in college, but blamed some of them on forced throws. ... Led La. Tech to 20-19 upset of Michigan State as a senior, returning to the game after getting hurt and throwing winning TD pass

with two seconds left. ... Little undersized, but makes up for it with speed and high-powered arm. ... Born July 12, 1981.

Round 5

Amon Gordon, defensive end, Stanford, (No. 161), 6-foot-2, 302 pounds, San Diego, Calif.

Defensive end in 2002, moved to tackle in '03. ... Browns worked him out at fullback before draft. ... "But we took him to be a defensive lineman," line coach Andre Patterson said. "But that shows what kind of athlete he is." ... Played in 35 games, starting 18 for Cardinal. ... Recorded seven sacks, three fumble recoveries, six pass deflections and two blocked kicks. ... High school All-American running back/linebacker. ... Gained 1,353 yards rushing with 19 TDs as senior. ... Born Oct. 13, 1981.

Round 6

Kirk Chambers, offensive tackle, Stanford, (No. 176), 6-foot-7, 313 pounds.

Started all 45 games in four years with Cardinal. ... Good athlete. ... Spent two years on Mormon mission before college. ... Was Stanford's oldest and only married player last season. ... Academic All-American as senior. ... Long reach enables him to separate from defenders. ... Can also play guard. ... Admittedly needs to work on aggressiveness. ... "I'm good natured off the field, but on the field I've got a little nastiness, too," he said. ... Eagle Scout. ... Born March 19, 1979.

Round 7

Adimchinobe Echemandu, running back/kick returner, California, (No. 208), 5-foot-10, 226 pounds.

Speedy back with lightning-quick first step. ... Mostly returned kickoffs. ... Ran 4.33 in 40-yard dash. ... Member of Cal's track team. ... Sat out the 2002 season to recover from torn anterior cruciate ligament in right knee. ... Moved to wide receiver after his freshman year, then shifted back to tailback as sophomore. ... Finished with 1,434 yards and 16 TDs. ... Because of paperwork problems went by Joe Echemadu before 2003 season.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Touches of red, blue and yellow are being added to the new \$50 bill, the second of the greenbacks to be colorized as part of an effort to thwart counterfeiters. The subtle colors are the most noticeable change on the new \$50, which was unveiled yesterday by the Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing, makers of the nation's paper currency.

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BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENTS: New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg presents his \$46.9 billion budget for the 2005 fiscal year yesterday in the historic Blue Room at New York's City Hall.

NYC mayor's \$46.9 billion spending plan

By Timothy Williams
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg proposed a \$46.9 billion budget yesterday that offers property tax rebates to homeowners, pay raises to city workers and extra funds for lead paint abatement.

The budget plan suggests that the days of city service cuts and tax hikes are over, as tax revenues from Wall Street firms and a general improvement in the economy helped bolster the city's standing.

The centerpiece of Bloomberg's plan is a \$400 property tax rebate, which comes more than a year after he imposed an 18.5 percent property tax hike that had led his approval ratings to plummet.

The rebates for 600,000 homeowners will cost the city \$250 million.

The City Council must approve

the first-term Republican mayor's budget plan.

City Council Speaker Gifford Miller, a Democrat who likely will challenge Bloomberg next year, opposes Bloomberg's rebate plan and has offered his own proposal that would return less money to homeowners, but would include a rebate to businesses.

The mayor estimated the budget surplus for fiscal year 2004, which ends June 30, will be \$1.3 billion. Two years ago the city faced a \$6.4 billion budget gap.

"The recession that hurt our city has ended or at least ameliorated," Bloomberg said yesterday. "Brighter days are undoubtedly here."

But the mayor warned against overconfidence, saying the city faces prospective deficits in future years, largely because of increased Medicaid and pension costs.

Researchers practice for possible mars mission

By Travis Reed
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HANKSVILLE, Utah — While robots have been scurrying around Mars for months, researchers here on Earth have been trying to make a little bit of Utah seem more like the Red Planet.

Six-member teams have spent weeks in a silo-shaped module here trying to simulate what astronauts might endure should they ever wander Mars. Researchers even strap on air packs and 30-pound boots when they step outside.

The Mars Desert Research Station is one of two living laboratories operated by the Mars Society, an organization dedicated to Mars exploration. The society's other operating habitat is in an equally remote section of Canada. Another is planned for Iceland, and more could be in the works.

The society locates the habitats in areas similar to Mars — both in climate and geography. The Hanksville station stands in a vivid red landscape of cracked dirt, loose soil, rolling hills and jutting cliffs — bearing a striking resemblance to the Mars photographs retrieved from NASA's rovers.

"It looks alien, and it's in a desert with infrequent rain," said Tony Muscatello, project manager of the desert habitat. "Some of the land forms there are remarkably similar in a lot of ways."

The goal of the habitats, participants say, is to stimulate public interest in manned Mars mis-

sions by replicating the potential experience on Earth.

NASA doesn't directly sponsor or fund the habitats, but often sends its researchers to participate. Habitat findings are offered to the space agency and other professionals to support exploration research.

During the roughly six-month testing season, the habitat is staffed by revolving six-member crews that spend two weeks apiece in "space." It hosts working geologists, physicists, biologists and engineers from companies and colleges all over the world.

Crew members make outside contact with colleagues and family only through e-mail and online chat. Cell phones don't work on Mars, and the crew's satellite telephone hasn't lately, either. A delivery man from Hanksville, roughly four miles away, is the crew's sole link to packages and parts.

That remoteness, Muscatello said, helps make the simulation feel more authentic. It's part of the reason NASA is using the center to test communication systems for a Mars simulation.

Parts of the \$1.5 million facility appear to be deteriorating — and crew No. 27 is spending most of its time trying to fix and diagnose problems.

Many of the problems deal with communication. The cable connecting a satellite dish to the habitat module is frayed somewhere and routinely malfunctions. Plenty of dead spots exist in field communication when crew



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PREPARATION FOR ANOTHER BOLD STEP: Gus Frederick, right, examines his camera as Greg Drayer, rear, looks on during a mission near the Mars Desert Research Station.

members are out exploring.

Crew members sleep in roughly 5-by-12-foot quarters, and spend most of their time in the habitat in one room which functions as a kitchen, computer lab and living room. There is a healthy collection of books and DVDs, including two copies of "Red Planet" — a 2000 science fiction thriller about Mars exploration.

Great lengths are taken to ensure that the simulation feels realistic. Crew members rarely leave the habitat module without full space gear. They spend 20 minutes before entering and exiting the module in a mock decompression chamber to simulate the routine they'd have to perform in space.

Besides upkeep, the current crew is working on new variations of space gloves and reducing algae in the water system.

Alex Diaz, a Boeing employee, was charged with developing the gloves to help astronauts better use his company's parts in space. The gloves have to be thick and stiff enough for protection, but nimble enough to allow workers to perform delicate tasks.

"I came to get an understanding of how humans live in this type of habitat," Diaz said.

Jim Russell, who is pursuing a doctorate in aerospace engineering sciences at the University of Colorado, has been overhauling the water system.

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Abortion, sexuality topics of discussion at impactful speech

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Besides the issue of abortion, Buchanan also discussed the disinigration of dating, sexual promiscuity and an increase in divorce rates as other failures of the Feminist Movement.

Buchanan cited a recent poll and said that although anti-marriage and anti-family sentiments exist, that "67 percent of women between the ages of 18-35 want to be housewives." "That is where they want to be," Buchanan said.

After Buchanan's speech, she took questions from the audience and Buchanan replied to concerns of politics, capitol punishment and a possible third wave of feminism that may promote a pro-family and pro-choice stance.

Allison Smith, a junior and social work major, and Bethany Nanamaker, a freshman and international studies and political science major, were two University students interested in hearing Buchanan's thoughts on feminism.

"I think overall she was a very powerful speaker," Smith said,

"but she appeals to pity and emotion so much I find it hard to take her seriously."

"I had a hard time seeing her up there in a man's role speaking about the importance of family," Nanamaker said.

Both women said they were impressed that Buchanan made it a point to emphasize some accomplishment of the Feminist Movement, and although both women did not agree with all of Buchanan's speech, they were impressed with her conviction to take a stand on issues.

Buchanan's visit was sponsored by the College Republicans as well as the Young America's Foundation and Pepsi Co.

Past accomplishments of Buchanan include being the youngest Treasurer of the United States during the Reagan administration as well as chairing Reagan's 1983 Commission of Women Business Owners.

D.C. women's march draws celebrity crowd

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said.

Celebrities such as Julianne Moore, Whoopi Goldberg and Hilary Clinton were among the presenters at the event. Giant screens with speakers were set up so the entire audience could hear and view the presentations.

The guest speakers had a particularly profound effect on student Ashlee Rauckhorst, a self-declared "budding feminist."

"I learned exactly why I am pro-choice," Rauckhorst said. "It was a great learning experience."

The 1,150,000 participants in the event may have been

marching for the same cause, but they were anything but uniform, Ludlow said.

"There were people with dreadlocks standing next to older ladies with their pearls on," she said. "There was one 80-year-old woman who had marched in every pro-choice march in Washington since the 70s. She was happy to see so many young people (at the march)."

Despite the fact that the event revolved around primarily women's issues, many men attended as well.

"There were lots and lots of men," Ludlow said. "That's being underplayed in mainstream media a lot."

Although some anti-abor-

tion protesters did show up at the march, there were no serious incidents between the groups, Ludlow said.

"It looked to me that everyone was being respectful to each other," Ludlow said.

The University group did not arrive back in Bowling Green until 4:30 a.m. yesterday. But exhaustion was a small price to pay for the participants' overall experience.

"The pain in my legs from walking so long, and the bags under my eyes from not sleeping—they're totally worth it," Rauckhorst said. "This is one of the best things I've done in my entire life ... I cannot wait to tell my grandkids."



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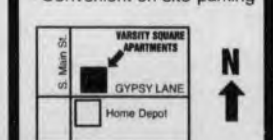
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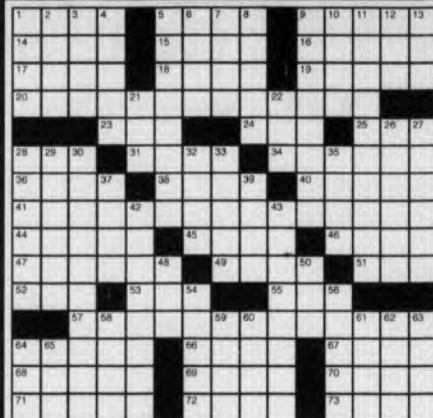


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- Biggers' detective
- Checked out the joint
- Prom transport
- Singer Falana
- Left bed
- "Type" sequel
- Armageddon in brief
- Put into service again
- Medical specialty
- Dawn goddess
- Poetic contraction
- "48"
- High peak
- Fifty percent
- Pointed stake
- Superman's sweetie
- Dove sounds
- One Judd
- Whole shebang
- Invite to enter
- Danny or Stubby
- Dispatched

- Greek advisor
- Meadows to a poet
- Circulars
- Retirement grp.
- Ump's call
- Narrow inlet
- "If I Had a Hammer" group
- Italian violinmaker
- Legendary lawman
- Rene's friend
- Tag line from Aesop
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